

FY2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Project Requests

Project Name: Arkansas State University-Newport Arkansas Commercial Driver Training Institute

Recipient: Arkansas State University-Newport, 7648 Victory Boulevard, Newport, Arkansas 72112

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Project Description: Arkansas State University-Newport (ASUN), through its Transportation Technology Center and Arkansas Commercial Driver Training Institute, is a national leader in entry-level and enhanced commercial driver training for the over-the-road sector of the transportation industry. Funds for this project will serve to enhance and maintain the ASUN Driver Skills Training program.

Project Name: Center for Sustainability and Knowledge-Based Economic Development

Recipient: Arkansas State University, 2105 Aggie Road, State University, Arkansas 72467

Amount Requested: \$3,500,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to develop a research and commercial innovation center for knowledge-based economic development in the Delta. The aim of this project is to mobilize the northeast Arkansas and west Tennessee regions to build such industry to ensure that discovery, technology and intellectual capital developed at Arkansas State University (ASU) and other Delta regions are leveraged to drive regional economic development.